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LOUISIANA 2001 CROP ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

Corn, rice, and sorghum set record yields in 2001, and production increased for each crop. Production of all other crops increased, except for soybeans, according to Dave Frank, State Statistician for the Louisiana Agricultural Statistics Service. Estimates for the 2001 crop year for all crops are as follows:

Corn for grain production was estimated at 45.4 million bushels, up six percent from 2000. Total acres planted was estimated at 315,000, of which 307,000 acres were harvested for grain. These were each down 17 percent, respectively, from 2000. Yield per acre at 148 bushels, was 32 bushels above 2000. This is the highest yield ever recorded in the state.

Cotton production was estimated at 1.03 million bales, up 13 percent from the previous year. Total acres planted in 2001 was estimated at 870,000, of which 855,000 were harvested. These were up 23 percent from 2000. Yield per acre was estimated at 578 pounds, a decrease of 51 pounds from 2000. This is the lowest yield since 1986, when the state averaged 567 pounds per acre.

All rice production, at 30.0 million cwt, was up 23 percent from the previous year. Production of long grain varieties was 29.6 million cwt, and production of medium grain varieties was 424,000 cwt. All rice planted acres totaled 548,000, up 13 percent from 2000. The total consisted of 540,000 acres of long grain, and 8,000 acres of medium grain. All rice harvested, at 546,000 acres, was up 14 percent from 2000, with 538,000 acres in long grain, and 8,000 acres in medium grain. All rice yield was estimated at 5,500 pounds per acre; 5,500 pounds per acre for long grain, and 5,300 pounds per acre for medium grain. All rice yield was 420 pounds per acre above the 2000 crop year. This is the highest yield on record. Record keeping for rice yield began in 1895.

Sorghum for grain production was estimated at 17.9 million bushels compared to 17.8 million bushels the previous year. Total acres planted was estimated at 230,000 acres, of which 210,000 acres were harvested for grain. Yield per acre, at 85 bushels, was up two bushels from 2000. This is the highest yield ever recorded in the state. Record keeping on sorghum yield began in 1929.

Soybean production, at 20.1 million bushels, was down one percent from last year. Total planted acres were down 31 percent from a year earlier to 640,000, of which 610,000 were harvested. Planted acres have not been this low since 1965, when the state planted 642,000 acres. Yield per acre, at 33.0 bushels, was up nine bushels from 2000.

Sugarcane production for sugar and seed was estimated at 14.9 million net tons, virtually unchanged from the previous year's crop. Louisiana continued to remain ahead of Florida as the number one state in the United States for sugarcane acreage in 2001. Yield per acre, at 30.0 net tons, decreased 0.3 ton from a year ago.

Sweet potato production was estimated at 3.19 million cwt, up two percent from 2000. Total planted and harvested acres at 24,000 and 22,000, respectively, were down four and eight percent from the previous year's crop. Yield per acre at 145 cwt, was up 15 cwt from a year earlier.

Hay production was estimated at 1.26 million tons compared to 665,000 tons the previous year. Harvested acres totaled 450,000 acres, up 29 percent from 2000. Yield was estimated at 2.8 tons per acre, 0.9 ton above a year ago.

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